

13 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 January 1967

George Allen gave a briefing on the military situation and outlook in Vietnam.

DD/I reported on the current status of the McCloy mission and of preparations for a final decision on the question of the withdrawal of some U. S. military forces from Europe.

The Director raised a question about the loyalty of the ChiCom army, and Lehman and DD/I each discussed briefly the state of information available on this subject. (See Action 1)

Lehman briefed on past reporting and the current situation in Togo.

Lehman reported an air engagement between ChiNats and ChiComs during which each side appears to have lost a jet fighter. There is some concern over an unusual number of ChiNat ships sailing to and from Quemoy. [REDACTED]

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Lehman noted a piece in today's New York Times by Harrison Salisbury decrying U. S. bombing of NVN. Lehman also noted a request for a visa for Karnow of the Washington Post to visit Hanoi.

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DD/S reported that a committee has been assembled to look into possible ways of lessening the burden on our employees caused by the high price of parking in Rosslyn and at downtown buildings.

Carver reported on his meeting yesterday with Ambassador Unger in connection with draft instructions being written for the Embassy covering U. S. objectives during an election period in SVN..

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In answer to the Director's question, Carver explained that Calhoun is going to Saigon to replace Habib as political counselor of the Embassy.

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A-DD/S&T reported that reasons for failure of the emergency ejection gear aboard the OXCART have been found and modifications are being made to both OXCART and Air Force aircraft.

A-DD/S&T reported that arrangements are being made to brief senior State Department officers on the meaning and implication of various types of Soviet strategic weaponry.

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Executive Director reported briefly on a meeting he attended with John Macy yesterday on the President's desire to improve Government service to the public, particularly in the area of handling correspondence.

The Director noted a Scott-Allen article in yesterday's Northern Virginia Sun alleging establishment of an NSC executive committee on China. The article was fashioned from whole cloth.

The Director asked Warner if any further Congressional briefings have been scheduled. The answer was in the negative, but Warner pointed out that the House Armed Services Committee may ask for a briefing.

ACTION:

1. The Director pointed out that there are bound to be daily inquiries about the situation in China, and he requested that DD/I or D/OCI be sure to cover this subject at each Morning Meeting.

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